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SUBJ: DR. SAMUEL ADAMS' VISIT MALI, 7-9 AUGUST

1. DR. SAMUEL ADAMS ACCOMPANIED BY FATHER THEODORE HESBURGH AND TDY DROUGHT SPECIALIST ADO/DAKAR, HARVEY GUTMAN, ARRIVED BAMAKO AFTERNOON AUGUST 7 AND WENT IMMEDIATELY TO CONSECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS WITH MINISTER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, MAMADOU KEITA, DROUGHT COORDINATOR, MINISTER DEFENSE KISSIMA DOUKARA, AND MINISTER PRODUCTION, SIDI COULIBALY.

2. DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WHO ALSO  
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IS PRESIDENT OMVS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CONCERNED MANANTALI

DAM. KEITA EXPRESSED GOM DISAPPOINTMENT THAT NO U.S. COMMITMENT FINANCING DAM RESULTED FROM HIS RECENT VISIT U.S. DR. ADAMS EXPLAINED U.S. AWAITING SYNTHESIS VARIOUS STUDIES.

3. DROUGHT COORDINATOR DOUKARA EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM ABOUT USEFULNESS MULTILATERAL COORDINATION GROUPS AND INTERVENTION SUCH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AS FAO WHICH DOUKARA ALLEGED PROMISED EXTENSIVE ASSISTANCE BUT CONTRIBUTED VERY LITTLE AND LATE. ADAMS EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE DONOR COORDINATION AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORT FOR LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT SAHEL.

4. MINISTER PRODUCTION EXPRESSED NEED RESIDENT AID REPRESENTATIVE MALI POINTING OUT U.S. ONLY COUNTRY WITH ONGOING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THAT DID NOT MAINTAIN AID OFFICE BAMAKO. AS EXAMPLE PROBLEM HE CITED FAILURE RELEASE COUNTERPART FUNDS SINCE LAST NOVEMBER FOR GRAIN STABILIZATION PROJECT. IN ANSWER QUESTION PUT BY DR. ADAMS, MINISTER PRODUCTION DESCRIBED SHORT TERM NEED WAS FOR GRAIN, MIDDLE TERM NEED CONCERNED DEVELOPMENT WATER RESOURCES THROUGH WELL DRILLING PROGRAM, AND LONG TERM NEEDS TO BE MET BY CONSTRUCTION MANANTALI DAM.

5. ADAMS AND PARTY ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER DEFENSE AND CHARGE D'AFFAIRES FLEW TIMBUKTU ON C-130 ON AUGUST 8 AND VISITED NOMAD CAMP AND TIMBUKTU'S PORT KABARA. DOUKARA EXPRESSED URGENT NEED FOR TRUCK TRANSPORT AND AMBULANCES ASSIST GROWING NOMAD POPULATION IN TIMBUKTU CAMP. IN ANSWER QUESTION ABOUT POSSIBLE ROLE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, DOUKARA SAID GOM HAD SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL USING MALI RED CROSS AND MINISTRY HEALTH.

6. DR. ADAMS HAD OPPORTUNITY MEET ALL EMBASSY PERSONNEL PLUS CDC NUTRITIONAL ANALYST, MARK LAPOINTE, PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR, JACK BURCH, TDY VETERINARIAN CENTRAL VETERINARY LABORATORY, FRANK MADDEN, AND TUSKEGEE POULTRY SPECIALIST SOTUBA POULTRY CENTER, WILBUR THOMAS.

7. DRGM ADANERLEFT BAMAKO AUGUST 9. FATHER HESBURGH REMAINED MALI UNTIL AUGUST 10 AND VISITED NOMAD CAMPS GAO WITH OXFAM REPRESENTATIVE WEST AFRICA, BEN BROWN. CONDITION NOMADS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMMEDIATE VICINITY GAO BETTER THAN NOMAD CAMP TIMBUKTU.

8. COMMENT: CHARGE BELIEVES AID ACTIVITIES BAMAKO HANDLED EFFECTIVELY BY EXPERIENCED AND COMPETENT AID STAFF DAKAR AND ABIDJAN WHO MAKE REGULAR AND FREQUENT TRIPS BAMAKO. MINISTER PRODUCTION'S COMPLAINT ABOUT LACK COUNTERPART FUNDS FOR GRAIN STABILIZATION PROJECT NOT ONLY INACCURATE BUT UNFAIR SINCE HE WAS WELL AWARE THAT EMBASSY WAS IN PROCESS

ARRANGING DRAW-DOWN OF FUNDS. FACT IS THAT GOM HAS NOT BEEN WITHOUT FUNDS FOR GRAIN STABILIZATION PROJECT SINCE LAST NOVEMBER. BELIEVE MINISTER'S ATTITUDE MAY ALSO REFLECT CERTAIN PIQUE BECAUSE CHARGE IN LAST ENCOUNTER WITH COULIBALY INSISTED ON ACCOUNTING FROM GOM WITH REGARD FIVE POINTS RAISED IN MCADAMS' LETTER APRIL 10 RELATED CONTINUED AID SUPPORT SOTUBA POULTRY CENTER.

DR. ADAM'S VISIT VERY USEFUL TO EMBASSY IN PROVIDING UNDERSTANDING PRIORITIES AND WASHINGTON APPROACH HANDLING SAHEL DROUGHT SITUATION.

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